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1. A. P. Nesmelov arrived in Shanghai with special instructions for the final stages of Soviet repatriation. It is rumored that after a short trip to North China he will depart for the USSR. Some Shanghai Soviet officials claim that Nesmelov was sent to China to replace Ledovsky, Soviet Consul General in Peiping, who departed with his family on the Gogol for the USSR.
3. Repatriation from China will be accomplished gradually in the course of the next year. Apparently Moscow has divided the Soviet population in China into two groups - the jobless elements whose presence in China is a burden to Soviet officials; and the wealthy or merchant class, those who own firms or have good jobs. With the first group, which is now being repatriated, will go also highly trained specialists who can find better jobs in the USSR. The Consulate drew up a list of those whose passage has been booked on certain steamers, and as a rule only in case of illness can a person avoid departing as requested.  
note: Moscow has for a long time wished to repatriate specialists for the double purpose of putting them to work in the USSR and of sabotaging Chinese industry. However, no way was found to acquire these technicians without taking also the bulk of the Soviet population, including the destitute and undesirable elements.
4. Soviet citizens in the wealthy group have not been urged to apply for repatriation; in fact, in Shanghai they were publicly advised by Halin to abstain from applying. At the same time they were told that entry to the USSR at a later date would always be possible, although they would probably have to proceed at their own expense and submit to the usual inspection upon landing. This remaining group will be small enough to be easily manipulated by Moscow, and repatriating them later will not be a complicated task.
5. Although Moscow started repatriation on a voluntary basis, Soviet citizens who have not applied for it are constantly reminded that at any sign of disloyalty they may be compelled to go to the USSR, as the Chinese authorities will not oppose Moscow's request for deportation of "undesirable elements". Zefirov warned some of his friends to "keep in mind this alternative". See paragraph 6 for Zefirov. As a result, some Soviet citizens who had expressed a desire not to be repatriated have begun to look for possible future destinations in foreign countries; some have already renounced their citizenship by publishing notices in the White Russian papers or by sending their Soviet passports to the Soviet Consulate through their lawyers.

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6. N. Zefirov, former Chairman of the Shanghai Soviet Citizens' Association, long-time resident of China, and former White Russian politician who was minister of Supply under Admiral Kolchak's regime, was always considered by [redacted] Soviet officials as one of the best informed persons on emigres in China. All preliminary screening of the Soviet population was made by Zefirov and a committee of the Soviet Citizens' Association. This work actually represented only one aspect of the [redacted] whole matter. Each person was checked and rechecked [redacted] note: Because of the short time and the number to be checked it is questionable that all repatriates were checked and rechecked.)

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